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Vale Allan Lockwood

On Friday afternoon 20 January 2023, approximately 300 people gathered at the Gidgegannup Recreation Club to honour and pay respect to the man who was a true champion in our community.

Allan was an integral part of the Sports and Rec Club, the Agricultural Society and the Progress Association to name just a few.

His tireless work for the community is unsurpassed, and he will be missed, and remembered fondly by all who knew him.

Sandra Harms

On behalf of the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society.

GIDGEGANNUP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

VENUE: Gidgegannup Agricultural Hall

DATE: Sunday 26 February 2023

TIME: 5.30pm.

AGENDA:

Acceptance of 2022 AGM Minutes.

Presentation/Acceptance Treasurer's
Financial Statement

Presentation/Acceptance Auditor's Report
Correspondence

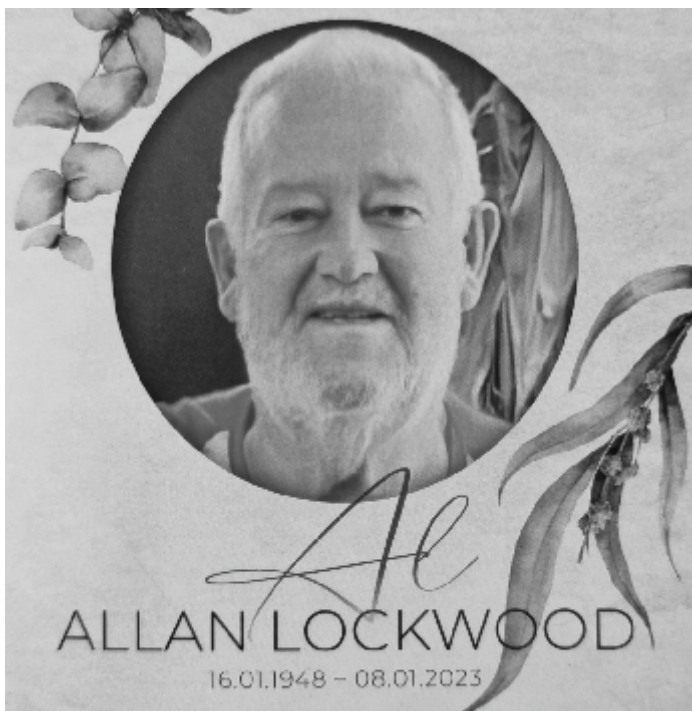
President's Report

Members Questions/Statements.

Election of 2023 Committee

Meeting Closed

*Only financial members vote, however anyone
interested in becoming a member is very welcome to
attend.*



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Questionnaire

1. Do you enjoy Gidgegannup Show? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. What 3 things did you like most about the show?

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3. Is there anything you didn't like? If so, what was it?

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4. What are some aspects of the show that we could improve upon?

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5. Who do you understand benefits from the Show?
(Tick those applicable)

- ☐ Exhibitors ☐ Stall Holders ☐ Competitors
☐ Sporting Clubs ☐ Scouts ☐ Bush Fires ☐ Schools
☐ General Community ☐ Local Businesses
☐ Attendees ☐ Artists ☐ Farmers

Others – Please specify

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6. Who in your opinion makes the show happen?

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7. Do you know what roles show volunteers have?

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8. What happens when these people retire?

Would you be prepared to take over the role?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Would you be prepared to contribute your time to help make it happen by:

A. Helping for a few hours every few weeks leading up to the show ☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Helping on the day of the show ☐ Yes ☐ No

C. Volunteer to help committee members in following areas:

Promoting the show and its events and competitions on social media, electronic media and through print media

☐ Yes ☐ No

Help setting out the ground design for exhibitor space and supervise exhibitor set up on the day. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Selling exhibitor space. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Organising Volunteers leading up to and on the day of the show ☐ Yes ☐ No

Organising events, trades etc to assist in the repairs and maintenance. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Become a member and join the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society Committee ☐ Yes ☐ No

Be prepared to attend monthly meetings with Committee

or meet at a mutually agreeable time with those with certain responsibilities ☐ Yes ☐ No

Liaising with local schools to encourage the youth to participate. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Editorial contributors to write articles for the Gidgegram

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you think the entrance fee is fair?

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Name

Phone No.

Email Address

Thank you for your feedback.

GIDGEGANNUP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

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Child 2 - Name & Date of Birth:

Child 3 - Name & Date of Birth:

(If necessary, attach additional Family Members separately.)

Membership fees: Family: \$30.00 Single: \$15.00

Applications for Membership will be considered at the next Committee Meeting of the Society

Members
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Gidge Gossips

A brand New Year – we all think of this as a new beginning and here's hoping it is a fantastic New Year for us all and we can shake off the recent past and look to the future. After a very moderate (to say the least) three years, we all deserve this.

Firstly our condolences to the Lockwood family. As most Gidgegannupians know, Allan Lockwood died about two weeks ago. It is his funeral today at the Recreation Club where he gave so much to the Community. Allan, during his many years living in Gidgegannup touched the lives of most of us. He was involved in so many clubs and associations working away for his community. Always present and always helping.

I first met Allan in 1987 when we moved to Gidgegannup. He was our next door neighbour and a better neighbour you couldn't wish to have, with his brother John who lived just over the road from us he guided and helped the odd Pommy couple, who had moved in, to get to know Gidgegannup and the people living in the Hills. So many instances come to mind of the help we were given and the hilarious times we had.

So Allan Rest In peace – thanks for everything and we all miss you so much. Thanks for the memories.

The three hundred or so people who attended Allan's funeral experienced a remarkable funeral for a remarkable man. Congratulations to the Lockwood family and the Recreation Club for organising such an event. Those attending were, dare I say, a gathering reflecting people who have been associated with Gidgegannup over the last 30 years or more. The Football club also had a large presence and so many players now and past were wearing the Bulldog colours. Those present formed a guard of honour whilst the hearse travelled round the oval with Allan on his last trip. It was very emotive and I would doubt that Gidgegannup has ever seen a funeral such as that or will ever again. A great tribute to Allan Lockwood.

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We heard recently from some former residents of Gidgegannup and the links below will show a bit of Gidge history. The building of the Reen Road bridge. A great bit of our history and we would love to see more contributions such as this

<http://www.gidgegannup.info/history-of-gidgegannup/>
<http://www.gidgegannup.info/reen-road-bridge-2/>

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Bushfire – ever present in our minds with summer here. There were some fires caused by lightning strikes recently and we must be grateful to our Volunteer Fire Brigades who dealt with these so swiftly and efficiently.

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This brings us on to fuel mitigation, something we all have to practise on our properties. Mostly done very efficiently but there are still the odd properties with no fire breaks and huge fuel loads from overgrown paddocks that have not been slashed or grazed. One lightning strike and they would be an inferno a danger to themselves and surrounding properties. So, if this is your property, do something about it for your own sake and that of your neighbours. But take advice as how best to manage this now as the danger has been created through negligence and we really don't need stupidity to create a situation that we are all trying to avoid.

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Thought we wouldn't have a joke this month:

Weep not for the days gone by but leave them where they buried lie,

Stand not in idle gaze dreaming of future days,

Work and play in rain and shine and use the present that is thine.

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We value your continued support!

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Don't forget to update Community Numbers

Due to changes in telephone services and NBN connections, many people have cancelled their landlines. If your details have changed please send new details to ps.harms@redbrookart.com.au to ensure the community numbers list on the back page of the Gidgegram can be updated.

GIDGEGANNUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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Next Meetings: 20 February 2023, 20 March 2023, 17 April 2023 at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall.

TOODYAY ROAD LITTER: Members referred to the fallen tree whose very large branches still remain at the edge of the bitumen. Also the accumulation of rubbish on the Toodyay Road verges. Main Roads have been informed of these issues.

Main Roads response:

As advised earlier this year, Main Roads has an annual litter collection programme covering all assets under its responsibility. With the current resource allowance, 12 days per year are assigned to clearing litter from Toodyay Road.

In addition to this, ad hoc visits are carried out to address sites of illegal dumping. Adding to the normal workload is the additional litter around the Redhill Waste Management Facility resulting from litter blowing from their trucks.

Nevertheless, arrangements have been made to have an additional litter pick up to be completed along Toodyay Road on 05 – 09 December 2022.

Works to have the reported large branch is awaiting traffic management approval and will be completed on high priority.

Main Roads response to weeds and tree refuse:

Main Roads Metropolitan Maintenance team would like to advise you that Toodyay Road was sprayed in mid-November 2022 to treat the weeds and invasive species as part of its Annual Program for herbicide treatment. Our crew will be attending to litter and cotton bush from this week. The Cotton bush will be hand pulled and bagged to stop the further spread of seeds.

In regards to reporting of this cotton bush weed infestation within private property boundaries, this is a matter for the local government to assist with or as per links provided <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/declared-plants/narrow-leaf-cotton-bush-declared-pest> and <https://www.csiro.au/en/news/news-releases/2021/calling-western-australian-landholders-and-community-to-help-detect-and-control-cotton-bush>, anyone can report the same to the agencies concerned directly.

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Our Network Inspector has inspected the section of Toodyay Road for pick-up of the off cuts of pruned branches and vegetation within the road reserve on Toodyay Road. Traffic Management approval is required to complete the works to remove the deadwood and any previously pruned vegetation from Toodyay Road. This work will be completed as a priority.

Further advice from Main Roads:

Further to our correspondence, this is to confirm that our Maintenance crews did commence litter collection from the bottom end of Toodyay Road (Lewis Cross Jones end) on Monday/05 December 2022 and have been working their way up towards the Red Hill Waste Facility, which is where the litter is more concentrated than the rest of this stretch, to complete as much as possible of these works this week.

You would already be aware that Main Roads has an annual litter collection programme covering all assets under its responsibility. With the current resource allowance, 12 days per year are assigned to cleaning Toodyay Road. In addition to this, ad hoc visits are carried out to address sites of illegal dumping.

Under the Traffic Management approval obtained for this particular stretch, the crew on site is also additionally identifying the areas of the road reserve for current cotton bush infestation and have been hand picking the same where sighted. As you will appreciate, this is a highly labour intensive exercise in this high traffic area.

Please be advised that herbicide treatment was completed along the entire stretch of Toodyay Road reserve within the metropolitan area in September 2022. Main Roads is not responsible for maintenance of areas within private property boundaries.

The remaining length of Toodyay Road from Red Hill to Gidgegannup is being further inspected this week for hot spot areas with litter and cotton bush infestation. The next schedule of works to address the same is expected to occur by the end of March 2023.

AFDRS CONCERNS

Letter from Mayor in response:

“Australian Fire Danger Rating System

The City acknowledges the Gidgegannup Progress Association (GPA) concerns regarding the implementation of new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS), and I can confirm that City officers have also identified similar concerns.

Through our Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) the City has been in contact with the AFRDS WA team on multiple occasions in recent weeks, to both highlight

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the issues that have been identified collectively across the City and to advocate for the need for something to be done quickly to rectify the identified issues and the community perceptions associated with not clarifying the new system.

The City is also aware that several other stakeholders within the Swan Inland North Fire Weather District have raised their concerns to the AFDRS WA Team and a case study is being actively undertaken to pinpoint the cause(s) of the issues. As a result of these enquiries, feedback from the WA AFDRS team has also been communicated to the National AFDRS team for actioning, it is expected that further consultation will occur soon with senior DFES staff, so that proposed solutions can be explored further, the City is expecting a further update once this has occurred.

The intent of the AFDRS is to bring all states into a nationally aligned system with simplified messaging and actions for each danger rating category and the selection of the reduced number of categories, simplified messaging and associated actions is based off research obtained nationally at a community level. Alignment with the previous rating levels has been achieved as much as possible, however it is clear in cases like within the Swan Inland North Fire Weather District, that further optimisation of the modelling and parameters used should occur.

The intent of the changes to the AFDRS is not to constrain community members or other stakeholders from undertaking burning or other activities, when it is safe to do so, and whilst the current situation is far from ideal, the City is committed to advocating for positive change within the constraints of current legislation, so that we can work towards a safer community together."

We have also heard from Donna Farragher's office regarding this matter.

It seems that comparison work needs to be carried out this fire season so we can make a recommendation with supporting evidence for next year.

TELSTRA MOBILE TOWERS

GPA are still receiving complaints regarding poor service from our Telstra towers and this may be due to a lack of bandwidth. Will follow this up with Telstra but need more complaints citing areas affected. Will ask for input from community. It was noted that a further round of blackspot funding had been advertised but we have had no contact from our Federal member regarding this and the current situation in Gidgegannup.

MEDIA RELEASE RE. NON-RELIANCE ON SCHEME WATER DURING A BUSHFIRE

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2022/12/Important-reminder-not-to-rely-on-scheme-water-during-a-bushfire.aspx>

B. REPORT OF MEETING WITH CITY RE. HERITAGE POLICY AND LPA: The meeting we had with the City on Wednesday was interesting. We not only discussed Heritage policy and it was pointed out that landowners should not have their rights or the future value of

their land compromised by Heritage listings. It appears that present landowners had a say whether a heritage listing was imposed on part of their land but the future policy could take away this right.

We also discussed in quite a lot of detail the proposed Gidgegannup LPA which will take place next year and the best paths for public consultation. It appears that this has not been revised since 2015 and, given, events that are proposed for the future of Gidgegannup, now appears to be the time for this to go ahead.

We discussed a number of issues with them and they will be sending us a discussion paper in the near future.

City staff will be attending the March or April meeting of the GPA to discuss this. They will also be attending the Small Farm Field Day.

TILDEN PARK BRIDGE;

The bridge at Tilden Drive has been combined into a package of works with the bridge on Reen Road to create a package of works that is suitable for the current contractor market.

There is some consultation required with traditional owners in January for the Reen Road bridge, which will confirm the final design, and then works can commence. We're currently working to have works underway by April but are endeavouring to start earlier if possible.

Committee have made comments:

A very significant limiting factor in timing major bridge repairs/refurbishment is the soil dryness, especially if work concerning bridge foundations are involved. An example in recent years was the bridge in West Swan Rd which when rebuilt could only be done in the early months of the year. In that the road networks to the west through adjacent suburbs, and via Gt Northern Hwy provided alternative routes, and emergency services factored this into response plans.

Seasonal soil dryness limitations may be limiting factors if Reen Rd and/or Tilden Drive bridge major works are carried out. What should happen if a particular bridge becomes unusable for a period of time is that alternative routes including stream fords are pre-identified which can be used by at least 4WD fire appliances in an emergency. Local landholders should be consulted re this. Restrictions and necessary alternative routeing for heavier appliances eg bulk water tankers and FRS pumpers etc need to be pre-identified in response plans.



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Evacuations in wildfire are another issue. For example Lillie road was used extensively for evacuations in the Feb 2021 fire. Preplanning alternatives where a "bottleneck" is no longer useable needs to be factored in.

Consultation with all stakeholders, including emergency services, is required.

Site conditions are very important for bridge works. The March/April period is a good period due to the shouldering between the fire risk and wet seasons. Prior to works commencing a similar notification of works will be provided to the community so all stakeholders can be informed.

RE: NOTIFICATION OF WORKS – LILLIE ROAD, GIDGEGANNUP

The City of Swan has recently commenced road repair works at Lillie Road in Gidgegannup. The scope of works includes sub soil drainage pipe installation and road reconstruction where the pavement has failed. Please refer to the attached plan (PLEASE REQUEST IF YOU WANT THIS PLAN FORWARDED) which shows the location of the works.

To accommodate the works and to ensure the safety of the construction staff and the general public, a section of Lillie Road needs to be remain closed until the 3 February 2023. Residents and road users are requested to follow the detour signage and instructions from traffic controllers during this period. In case of an emergency (eg. a fire outbreak), all construction works will cease, the site will be made safe and community access be made available urgently. Outside working hours, a single lane track will be available to community members for emergency use. This track will be adequately signed and coned, providing residents a north/western exit point. This track is not available to everyday use and is to only to be used during an emergency event.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the works, please contact the undersigned on 0467 406 159 or Nitin.Hirani@swan.wa.gov.au.

RALLY REGARDING SATTERLEY REVISED PROPOSAL FOR NORTH STONEVILLE DEVELOPMENT;

Please find the SPH Flyer for the February 5th SPH Rally at Sculpture Park Mundaring on Page 14. We appreciate you distributing the flyer far and wide and hopefully encourage people to come to the Rally to hear Bob Brown speak and many others. **Please contact if you wish a copy of flyer to be sent**



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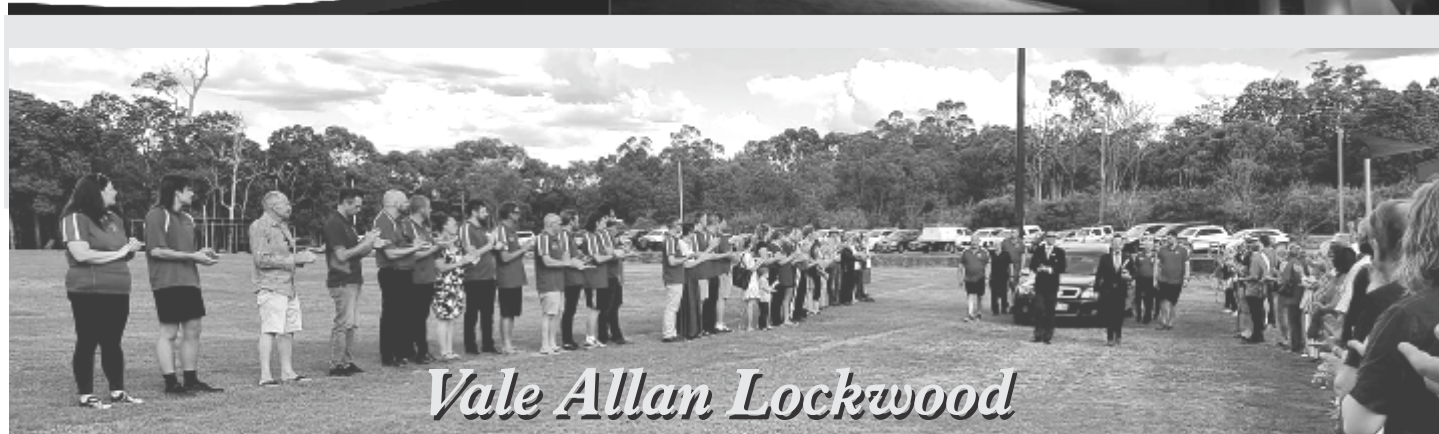


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GIDGEGANNUP RECREATION CLUB



Vale Allan Lockwood

It is with great sadness that we farewell a founding member of the Gidgegannup Recreation Club.

To honour Allan, he was inducted as a life member of the Recreation Club and some time ago, the club room was renamed for his dedicated life work for the Senior Football Club, Recreation Club and the Gidgegannup community.

It was through Allan's endeavours along with a small band of

hard working members that the recreation club was developed and shaped to what we enjoy now. He spent many years as a committee member and worked tirelessly to ensure the facilities were maintained and operational.

A wake was held at the grounds on Friday the 20th of January allowing his family and the community to come together to pay their respects and celebrate his life.

What has been happening?

On 12th January a beautiful evening greeted Gidgegannup families who came out to relax and unwind together at the Community Family Movie Night. Everyone had a fabulous evening watching the movie Inside Out.

Thank you to the City of Swan who also provided a free sausage sizzle for everyone to enjoy

New committee member welcomed. Please contact Mike Blackie or Carey Stewart for details.

To keep up to date with the club's latest news you can check out our facebook page.

Coming Events

Gidgegannup Recreation club
invites performers and community
members to an

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Friday 11th March 2023
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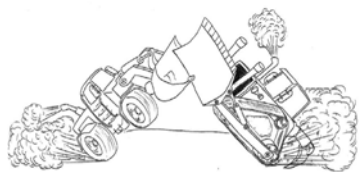


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SMALL FARM FIELD DAY Sunday 28th May 2023

We have now had a meeting with the Countryman and set the framework in place for the 2023 Small Farm Field Day. As we are a little late in our planning it is now full on. The Exhibitors Application form will be available on line in early February. There will not be a hard copy this year but if anyone has difficulties with the online form, let us know and we can email to you or print it off and send.

Once again the Honey Festival and Slow Olive festival will be held on the same day to the East of the Showgrounds and we are now busy contacting all the Associations and Groups who are involved with the SFFD.

Check out our facebook page for all the latest news.

Sadly this year we are saying Goodbye to Nicola Smith as she is moving away for three years but the good news is that **She will be back.** Thanks to her for all she has done to make the Field Day such an amazing event and we will miss you so much. Don't worry she will still be hovering in the background.

We are also going to miss the help and support from Allan

Lockwood who has been helping out for the last fifteen years. Our condolences to the Lockwood family on Allan's sad passing.

Lots of changes this year. If anyone would like to join our group just let us know. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month except July at 7.30pm at 661 Reserve Road, Gidgegannup. We are a friendly lot and the Field Day is fun to organise and take part in on the day.

More news next month but to work organising now – any suggestions, requests, input please contact us. This is your

Gidgegannup Square Dance Club

We have the year worked out with some great dances organised through the year.

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Julimar Project Update



New Office Opening Hours

Over the summer months the Julimar Project Pop-Up Office will be open earlier to beat the heat!

Located near the Toodyay IGA, we welcome any Julimar-related questions and information. If you're walking past we encourage you to read our new window signage which provide key details, including the project stage and our environmental commitments.

**Open 8.30am – 11.30am Thursdays
Shop 5, Charcoal Lane, Toodyay**

Julimar Project

Community Investment Program

Applications are now open for funding up to \$10,000 as part of the Chalice Community Investment Program. The current submission period closes **31 March 2023**.

The program is designed to support community initiatives in close proximity to the Julimar Project that fall under our three core focus areas:



Education

Initiatives that advance and improve regional educational opportunities.



Environment

Initiatives that protect and rehabilitate the environment.



Community Connection

Supporting local opportunities, events and groups to strengthen community connection within the region.

Submit online

We invite local groups to apply now. For more information or to complete an application form:

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community-investment](http://www.chalicemining.com/community-investment)**

Late last year, Chalice announced the extension of the Julimar Project Scoping Study timeframe. The purpose of the scoping studies is to evaluate the initial concepts for a potential mine.

This extension will allow Chalice to incorporate new metallurgical testwork results, and to update the Gonneville Resource to include new drilling data. The extra time will allow Chalice to continue to thoroughly assess a range of scenarios for the development of this unique deposit.

Following completion of the Scoping Study, Chalice will undertake more detailed studies over the next 2-4 years. The next stage of work known as the Pre Feasibility Study will investigate a preferred mine plan, and reach more definitive answers on logistics and infrastructure.

Toodyay Cricket Uniforms

The Toodyay Cricket Club was one of the successful applicants of our last round of Community Investment funding, and Chalice is thrilled to support them with new shirts for their senior members.



Fire Management

Chalice has robust fire prevention and response procedures in place related to fire bans and vehicle movement restrictions during the current fire season. Our team continues to monitor and comply with all notices issued by the Western Australia's Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and the local Shire. As part of our commitment to ongoing team training and community support, field staff and contractors undergo regular refresher fire warden and fire extinguisher training.

Chalice is also proud to support the fundraising initiatives of the Toodyay Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services, and thank all the local services for their tireless work.



Visit our website for more details, or sign up to receive our regular Community Newsletters at: **www.chalicemining.com/community-newsletter**

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Healthy Livestock bring best rewards

Around the Paddock by The Farmer

A very happy New Year to everyone.

Though the summer season hasn't been overbearingly hot so far, do keep in mind that fire breaks have to be maintained to an acceptable standard. If any work on them is needed be done be sure to pick a cooler day to do the maintenance on them.

Keep in mind the required width and height requirements that are required on these breaks.

After the magnificent winter and spring seasons, there isn't a shortage of grass on the paddocks. But with the extreme hot weather comes a dilution of protein in this feed, so livestock will need some supplementary feeding, be it hay, pellets or whatever. A useful extra can be a hard or loose lick which contains the necessary goodies to keep livestock in a healthy state.

With this in mind, another important feature is good fencing, shade and clean water. A happy animal will not roam and be looking over the fence to see if there is something there that has more appeal.

With the start of the livestock sale season at Muchea just a few weeks old, the prices being paid for sheep and cattle have dropped off a bit from the top prices paid in the latter half of last year.

Sellers may have to accept a little less at the moment, and buyers on the other hand, may be able to pick up a bargain or two.

The old adage that was told to me many years ago still stands true today. Present sale livestock in the best possible condition, and the dollar rewards will flow to you.

Poorly looking or under finished livestock are a buyers delight, not a sellers. So get that condition right and reap the benefits.

Don't forget to have your livestock correctly ear-marked and

Nils tagged. Also, the Way Bill, either book form or electronic version, is another that must be correctly filled out. Penalties can occur if these three things are incorrectly carried out.

If you are new to this and are unsure what, where, why and how, give the Ag Department or your stock representative a call, and they will be able to head you in the correct direction. There is nothing hard about it, but it must be done correctly. With the current extremes of temperatures transporting in the heat of the day, can be both distressing for your livestock and yourself.

Overloading on a truck or trailer may cause problems. Stock Inspectors do scrutinise loaded vehicles at the various selling venues. If unsure, seek the advice of your agent for clarification on numbers best suited to the type of vehicle you are using, or employ the services of a livestock carrier.

There is a benefit to having livestock held over the previous day to the auction. As a rule no queuing to unload as the sale yards are pretty well deserted. Soft flooring, feed and water are in plentiful supply. This gives the stock a reasonable time to settle down and not be stressed. The minor charge associated with this is more than compensated as a rule by the dollars per head received.

This facility can be organised by the stock agent you use. I highly recommend it.

One other thing, on-farm Bio-security is extremely important these days. Tom, Dick or Harry, are no longer welcome to wander willy-nilly over your property. These days a closed gate means no entry. It's not unusual to see the Bio-security sign attached to the farm gate, with a relevant message about this.

Look after your livestock, keep them well fed and happy. They are an even more valuable asset now than ever before.

With the summer in full swing, if you have one, keep the fire unit in good working order. Make sure the engine starts quickly, hoses are in good repair and keep it full of water. It's not a bad idea to give it a run for a couple of minutes every couple of weeks, just to make sure it will start, promptly. Next month a look at what pasture paddocks may need for the coming season, be it liming, granular fertiliser and liquid.

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- Dr Seuss



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The City of Swan Community Care Services offers a variety of support services for the frail aged or people living with dementia or disabilities.

To find out if you're eligible for any of our services, please contact Community Care Services on 9267 9055.

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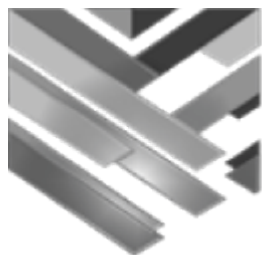
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Media Release

City of Swan announces next phase of Midland's revitalisation

The next chapter of the New Junction development in Midland's city centre is set to commence.

Connecting the old Midland Town Centre with the newer Midland Gate Shopping Centre precinct, New Junction is the rejuvenation of 11 hectares of land into a series of high quality parks, open spaces and community facilities, as well as new living and business opportunities to meet the needs of all ages and abilities.

The development of New Junction is set to deliver up to \$990m in total economic benefits to the broader Swan community, generate up to 4,000 new jobs, create 1,000 dwellings for new residents, and generate up to \$2.2 billion in output contribution to the economy.

City of Swan Mayor David Lucas said the City will soon begin subdivision works for the eastern side of the New Junction precinct.

"The City of Swan is investing in revitalising the heart of Midland, and supporting the efforts of the State Government who continue to deliver a \$1.5 billion government and private sector investment into redeveloping the nearby Midland Railway Workshops precinct," he said.

"This is an exciting time for Midland and the City of Swan.

"We've made progress to develop New Junction since finalising the masterplan in 2018, including civil works and private development, and it's now time to move forward with the next phase of investment.

"This includes the development of Residential Park, a green public space for future residents and the surrounding community to enjoy, complementing the fantastic Weeip Park.

"We have the support of our community to bring New Junction to life and we're now going to make it happen."

A key highlight of the New Junction precinct is Weeip Park, which features a kick-about lawn and terraced seating, play and recreational areas for children and teens, landscaping and special recognition of Midland's history and heritage through public art and interpretive elements.

The City will release investment information once subdivision works are completed.

Media contact:
Greta Jasiak, 0429 780 951



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Part of the New Junction Development - Weeip Park



Rethink EastLink

**Next community meeting 14th February
7pm at the Agricultural Hall,
Gidgegannup Showgrounds**

**Come along and join the campaign to stop the
DESTRUCTION of the lifestyle that we all enjoy!
Possible guest speaker.**

The Rethink Eastlink team will be at the SAVE PERTH HILLS rally Sunday the 5th of February (Sculpture Park Mundaring). Come and listen to the Save Perth Hills team who will be joined by special guests:

Dr Bob Brown, a true legend of the green movement.

Jane Hammond, Film producer of Black Cockatoo Crisis.

Simon Cherriman, Hills own ECO Warrior

A number of us went and viewed Jane Hammonds confronting documentary Black Cockatoo Crisis.

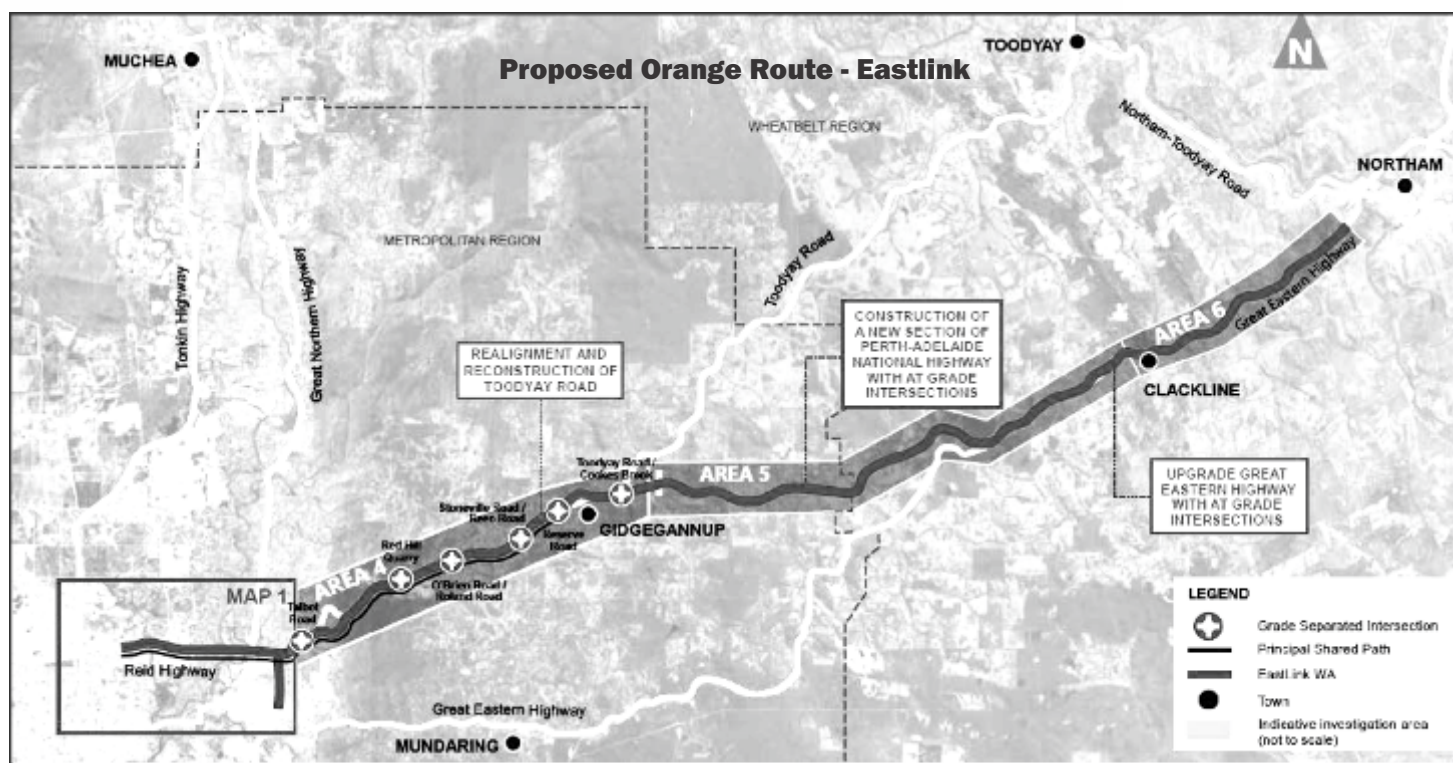
Eastlink would remove hundreds of hectares of crucial habitat and foraging areas for these iconic birds.

We like the cockatoos cannot afford to lose irreplaceable areas of vegetation. Past clearing practices have left us with badly degraded areas that erode terribly when we have heavy rain.. Overstocking, combined with poor land management mean roadside vegetation is crucial for these iconic birds along with all the other animals /insects/ birds that utilise these areas. The Blackbutts are currently flowering and Marris are budding up. These trees are huge assets. Bitumen is not.

We will be participating in CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY once again this year

Sunday March the 6th from around 8am to 12 pm. Possible site is North Swan Park in Middle Swan.

Should Eastlink go ahead.... A massive interchange is planned to cut through one of the ovals there and the probable removal of a pavilion?



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